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## BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

DATE May 22, 1984

FULL NAME Arthur Cornelius Williams SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER [REDACTED]  
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)  
ADDRESS 1528 Ezra Church Drive N. W.  
CITY Atlanta STATE Georgia ZIP CODE 30314  
DATE OF BIRTH 05 - 48 (This is important and should be exact)  
APPROXIMATE AGE 36 (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known)  
RELIGION Lutheran NATIONALITY American  
OCCUPATION Substitute teacher - Atlanta School System  
EDUCATION College - Morehouse; Seminary - Mt. Calvary Ed Lutheran Church  
WEIGHT 200 HEIGHT 6' RACE Black  
COLOR OF HAIR Black COLOR OF EYES Brown  
OUTSTANDING CHARACTERISTICS OR INTERESTS Reading  
MARRIED OR SINGLE Single CHILDREN None  
(Number, ages, and names, if possible)  
NAME OF SPOUSE N/A

## SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

UNIT #	CITY	STATE	POSITION	DATE REGISTERED	DATE RESIGNED
T850	Atlanta	Georgia	M.C.	Feb. 1984	April 28, 1984

SPECIAL RECOGNITION Silver Beaver, District Award of Merit, Wood Badge, other Training Awards

## SUSPENDED OR DENIED REGISTRATION FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:

Child molestation

SPECIFY THE FACTS WHICH LEAD YOU TO RECOMMEND DENIAL OF REGISTRATION AND LIST ATTACHED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS (STATE ONLY KNOWN FACTS, NOT RUMOR, CONJECTURE OR SPECULATION):

See attachment

STARON

NOTED

MAY 24 1984

Signed Arthur R. Cain  
SCOUT EXECUTIVE

MAY 31 '84

Council Atlanta Area Council # 92RS-509  
4/14/83-nah

JOSEPH L. ANGLIM

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WATS CALL FORM

COUNCIL #

92 *CAV*

PHONE NO:

CALLER:

*Archie Brown*

POSITION:

UNIT #

DIST. #

EXP. DATE

TRANSMITTAL #

FILM #

*C3875*

*Art Williams - white man -*

*up*

*He said not semi man.*

PROBLEM

REGISTRATION

VETERANS

EXPLORING

SCOUTING

BOYS' LIFE

R/S-433

12/12/85-clf-0587r

NAME

*dlw*

DATE

*1/28*

TIME

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ATLANTA AREA COUNCIL

# BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

100 Edgewood Ave., 4th Floor Atlanta, Georgia 30303 Phone 404-577-4810

January 6, 1986

Mr. Paul Ernst  
Registration, Subscription  
& Statistical Services  
National Council  
Boy Scouts of America  
1325 Walnut Hill Lane  
Irving, Texas 75038-3096

Dear Paul:

The enclosed identification questionnaire is on a former Scouter that had been discharged from Scouting approximately two years ago because of his reported record of child molesting.

His registration should be refused and he should not be allowed to register in Scouting at any time in the future.

Sincerely,

Archie R. Crain  
Scout Executive

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*Note: Previously we had placed the above person on the Confidential file and you should have this record*



Member Agency:  
Metropolitan Atlanta United Way  
Covington-Newton County United Fund

Counties Served: Carroll, Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, DeKalb, Douglas, Fulton, Gwinnett, Haralson, Newton, Paulding, Pickens, and Rockdale

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DATE: 12/31/85  
TIME: 17:07:20

EXCEPTION REPORT

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COUNCIL 092

TRANSMISSION 851203

*Not to be  
with each man  
same name*

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June 1, 1984

READY TO FILE  
JUN 4 1984  
ERIN ORILEY

Mr. Archie R. Crain  
Scout Executive  
Atlanta Area Council, No. 92

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Arthur C. Williams

Dear Archie:

Thank you for the detailed information concerning the above Scouter. We have reviewed this case with our Attorney and have now placed this man on the Confidential File.

Sincerely,

Paul I. Ernst, Director  
Registration Subscription &  
Statistical Service

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cc: Southeast

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# TROOP CHARTER RENEWAL

[illegible]

PRIORITY SEPARATION

COUNCIL NO. 92

UNIT NO. 0850

DEATH ☐

C. F. ☒

<u>ADULT</u> /YOUTH NAME	ADDRESS	CITY	STATE & ZIP	STATUS	POS.
Arthur C. Williams	1528 Ezra Church Dr N.W	ATLANTA	Ga. 30314		MC

READY FOR FILE

MAY 27 1984

Rev. 9/2/83-sah  
R/S #513

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Debate Scouting and  
B/L  
Co. 92 - 0850

Arthur C Williams MC  
✓ 1528 Ezra Church Dr NW  
✓ Atlanta, Ga.

30314

Credit # 149896 issued for the  
non-delivered B/L

Return to Owner

5/24/84

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may/June FC #1

MAY 24 1984

JERRY MEYERS

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Address changed on the  
all name file  
5/24/84

Priority Separation done  
5/24/84  
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A program for Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Explorers

National Office  
**BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA**

1325 Walnut Hill Lane, Irving, Texas 75062-1296  
Telephone: 214 659-2000

May 22, 1984

Enclosed is the information  
which you requested.

May 11, 1984

Mr. Archie R. Crain  
Scout Executive  
Atlanta Area Council, No. 92

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Arthur C. Williams

Dear Archie:

Thank you for your letter of May 4, concerning Arthur C. Williams. I appreciate the information which we have been given.

I am enclosing a confidential record sheet which we would like to have completed. This will give us all the personal information which we need to identify Mr. Williams should he try to register with us in the future.

We would appreciate any statements which we could receive from any of these churches where Mr. Williams worked. Can you get statements from these individuals or do you wish us to contact them directly?

I shall look forward to hearing from you so that we may proceed with developing this case.

Sincerely,

Paul I. Ernst, Director  
Registration, Subscription &  
Statistical Service

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Attachment

cc: Southeast Region



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April 28, 1984

Dear Mr. Ryan,

As of today I resign as a participating volunteer of the Atlanta Area Council, B.S.A. I have had a good long working relationship with the Council - of which I've really enjoyed. At this time, however, I feel that it is best that I take the time to pursue other areas within the community, with which to devote some of my time and energies.

I would like to thank you and the Atlanta Area Council for the many opportunities we had to be of service.

Again thanks!

Sincerely,  
Arthur C. Williams, Jr.

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May 17, 1984

RE: Arthur Williams

On April 24, 1984, Jerry Bowman, Director of Field Service, Atlanta Area Council, shared with me notes of a phone call from the Scout Executive of St. Louis, Missouri (Bob Meinholtz) concerning Arthur Williams.

Jerry asked me to follow up with the names of the people that Mr. Meinholtz had given him:

The names were:

1. [REDACTED] Youth Minister, at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church [REDACTED]
2. [REDACTED], Cross Lutheran Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, [REDACTED]
3. [REDACTED], Atonement Lutheran Church, Atlanta Georgia [REDACTED].

On April 24, 1984, I talked with Pastor [REDACTED] about Arthur and the problems he had. Pastor [REDACTED] knew about these problems. Stated he would write a letter concerning the problem but a better source would be Pastor [REDACTED] of the Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church in St. Louis, Missouri. On April 26, 1984, I called Rev. [REDACTED]. She talked about the problem with Arthur, indicated she would send me written statements to support the charges being made about Arthur Williams.

On May 14, 1984, I called Pastor [REDACTED] about the statements she was to send me. She indicated she had lost my address but the statements would be mailed the 14th of May, 1984.

I have talked with Rev. [REDACTED] of the Atonement Lutheran Church several times about the problem with Arthur. He has spoken with Arthur and talked with Arthur's mother.

On April 28, 1984, Arthur sent a letter to Mr. Walter Ryan resigning from Scouting in the Atlanta Area Council. He also returned contracts unsigned. (He had applied for a job as Camp Chaplain for 1984 at Bert Adams Scout Camp.)

At this time I have followed up as much as possible. Without statements of the incidents from St. Louis, Mo., there is nothing more to do.

Submitted to Jerry Bowman, Director of Field Service, Atlanta Area Council by:

J. C. Cannon  
Field Director  
Atlanta Area Council  
05-17-84

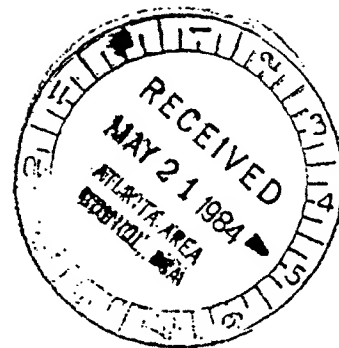
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St. Calvary Eb. Lutheran Church

ST. LOUIS, MO. 63113

May 11, 1984



Mr. J.C. Cannon  
Atlanta Area Council  
Boy Scouts of America  
100 Edgewood Aven., NE  
4th floor  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Mr. Cannon:

I'm pleased to document our conversation concerning Arthur Cornelius Williams.

Arthur was called back to St. Louis in December of 1982 from his seminary internship in Milwaukee by Christ Seminary--Seminex to discuss charges of child molestation. The foster mother of one of our boys (who was 16 at the time, mildly retarded and a little younger in emotional/mental age than other 16 year olds) had intercepted a letter from Arthur in which he referred to something about which the boy should not be mad but rather, "be grateful for a new experience." She had brought the letter to me; I had contacted the child-abuse hotline but they were unable to handle the call since Arthur was not considered a "caretaker" of the boy; I then contacted the seminary: after the mother confronted the boy, he described the molestation:

Arthur had - in May of that year - intercepted the boy as he arrived for junior choir practice and had insisted that the boy come with him instead to the parsonage next door. (Arthur lived on the third floor of the parsonage in exchange for youth work in the congregation; I was out of town that weekend on a 4H camping trip.) The boy was unwilling but Arthur grabbed him and insisted he come with him. Once in the parsonage, he had the boy wait downstairs in the living room while he went upstairs; when Arthur returned he was naked below the waist and then approached the boy sexually; the boy didn't tell me and I didn't ask him if the encounter involved penetration or not.

The conclusion of Arthur's discussion with seminary officials was a meeting held in my parsonage living room with Arthur, the molested boy, his foster mother, and seminary officials. Arthur confessed to and apologized for molesting the boy. He stated that he had never done anything like that before and did not know what had overcome him.

The seminary was willing to buy that; the child's social worker apparently did not wish to press charges on his behalf.

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ST. LOUIS, MO. 63113

(to J.C. Cannon, p.2 of 2)

Arthur returned briefly to Milwaukee and met with the council of the congregation there; it was mutually decided that he resign - I believe --- and he left soon after for Atlanta. Pastor [REDACTED] of Cross Church in Milwaukee will have given you the details of what happened at that end.

I found out the following summer from members of that congregation that after Arthur had left, several boys told of molestation by Arthur. During the fall and winter I worked with Pastor [REDACTED] and he with Pastor [REDACTED] of Atonement Lutheran Church in Atlanta...so that we could in concert inform the Big Brothers and the Boy Scouts of Arthur's behavior.

As you know I'm sure, the pattern of child abuse by an adult is a tough one to change. As far as we know, Arthur has done nothing to get any kind of treatment nor has he kept away from scouting or other opportunities to have contact with and responsibility for young boys. This kind of crime is hard to root out, too, because the children who are the victims so often feel guilty and dirty and because they seem to know that a lot of the anger their confession will stir up will unfortunately land on them, even though they are the victims.

I want you to know that Arthur was well received in our congregation: we are an integrated congregation in a Black neighborhood, and the sight of a Black man preparing for the Lutheran ministry was a sight for sore eyes! Although he was perceived as socially awkward by the congregation, they were willing to include him in congregational life. During the spring of the year Arthur lived in the third floor of the parsonage, my housemate (another woman pastor) and I came to see Arthur as a person with a secret. We considered but found no evidence for alcohol or other addiction as the nature of that secret; I'm sorry to say that we never considered the possibility of aberrant or criminal sexual behavior. I shudder to think that I encouraged and arranged for his fieldwork in my congregation.

Thank you for following through with this information. It is good to know that your organization will keep track of this individual and keep him from the opportunity to molest yet more boys via scouting.

Cordially,

[REDACTED]

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May 11, 1984

Mr. Archie R. Crain  
Scout Executive  
Atlanta Area Council, No. 92

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Arthur C. Williams

Dear Archie:

Thank you for your letter of May 4, concerning Arthur C. Williams. I appreciate the information which we have been given.

I am enclosing a confidential record sheet which we would like to have completed. This will give us all the personal information which we need to identify Mr. Williams should he try to register with us in the future.

We would appreciate any statements which we could receive from any of these churches where Mr. Williams worked. Can you get statements from these individuals or do you wish us to contact them directly?

I shall look forward to hearing from you so that we may proceed with developing this case.

Sincerely,

Paul I. Ernst, Director  
Registration, Subscription &  
Statistical Service

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Attachment

cc: Southeast Region

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ATLANTA AREA COUNCIL

# BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

100 Edgewood Ave., 4th Floor Atlanta, Georgia 30303 Phone 404-577-4810

May 4, 1984

Mr. Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration and Fulfillment Service  
National Council  
Boy Scouts of America  
1325 Walnut Hill Lane  
Irving, Texas 75062-1296

Dear Paul:

Following reports received on Mr. Arthur C. Williams, the enclosed information is being submitted to be placed in the Confidential File of the Boy Scouts of America.

Mr. Williams has submitted his resignation as a Scouter in the Atlanta Area Council and it is believed that he should not be permitted to be registered again as a member of the Boy Scout Organization.

Should any further information be received by us, I will forward it to you to be placed with the enclosed.

Sincerely,

Archie R. Crain  
Scout Executive

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Member Agency:  
Metropolitan Atlanta United Way  
Covington-Newton County United Fund

Counties Served: Carroll, Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, DeKalb, Douglas, Fulton, Gwinnett, Haralson, Newton, Paulding, Pickens, and Rockdale

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ST. LOUIS  
AREA COUNCIL

BOY SCOUTS  
OF AMERICA

ROBERT F. MEINHOLTZ  
Scout Executive

May 2, 1984

Mr. Archie R. Crain  
Scout Executive  
Atlanta Area Council, Boy Scouts of America  
100 Edgewood Avenue, NE  
4th Floor  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Archie:

Regarding our conversation of last week, I'm putting in writing the information that I have gained regarding Arthur Cornelius Williams of Atlanta, Georgia.

I received a call on Good Friday morning from [REDACTED], the Youth Director of Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church in St. Louis. [REDACTED] Ms. [REDACTED] informed us that in 1981 and 1982, Arthur Cornelius Williams worked in their congregation as a seminarian for the Lutheran Church. During this time he was active and worked with the Scout troop at the Church. Arthur Williams left Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church in 1982 and went to Cross Lutheran Church in Milwaukee. Pastor [REDACTED]. Arthur Williams continued to work as a seminarian in this congregation and also worked in the Scout troop where Pastor [REDACTED] indicated he sexually molested boys within the unit. Pastor [REDACTED] was counseling Arthur Williams when he left and went to Atonement Lutheran Church in Atlanta, Georgia, which was his home congregation. Pastor [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] indicated to us that the three of them: Ms. [REDACTED] Pastor [REDACTED] and Pastor [REDACTED] had a conference call the morning of Good Friday to discuss the situation about Arthur Williams that they had ascertained, after talking to parents, that he had molested children in Scout units in the churches. They informed me that Mr. Williams is no longer a seminarian and upon returning to Atlanta, left Atonement Lutheran Church and joined Allen Temple AME Church which was his mother's church and is currently active in Scouting there.



4568 WEST PINE BOULEVARD

ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI 63108

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Mr. Archie R. Crain  
May 2, 1984  
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Anyone of the three people who I have named and given phone numbers would be more than happy to relate their experiences with you concerning Arthur Williams, their interviews with parents and boys within the unit so that you will have sufficient information to place him on the confidential list.

Hope this information suffices for your records.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bob', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Robert F. Meinholtz  
Scout Executive

RFM/psk

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April 28, 1984

Dear Mr. Ryan,

As of today I resign as a participating volunteer of the Atlanta Area Council, B.S.G. I have had a good long working relationship with the Council of which I've really enjoyed. At this time, however, I feel that it is best that I take the time to pursue other areas within the community, with which to devote some of my time and energies.

I would like to thank you and the Atlanta Area Council for the many opportunities we had to be of service.

Again thanks!

Sincerely,  
Arthur C. Williams, Jr.

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